

# For Congress



Lewis Cass Gabbert

In the race for congress in the Democratic primary in this district, reports from every part of the district indicate that Gabbert is decidedly the favorite. In fact, if one can judge by the way people talk, he will carry every county in the district by a good safe margin, and run the total vote into very large figures.

From every precinct the same report comes that Gabbert will get the big vote at that place. It is well. The district owes this to Mr. Gabbert as well as to himself. Mr. Gabbert was given the nomination two years ago by a handsome plurality, and then in the general election the party deserted the keepers of the faith and sought the gods of the heathen. It was through no fault of Mr. Gabbert that this took place. His silver tongue was heard in every town and hamlet of the Fourth District, exhorting Democrats to keep faith with Wilson and with the dead he had seen die on the battlefields of France. It is no less than simple justice that he again be given the nomination. He was right. Those who left the party and caused his defeat were wrong. He should not have been defeated, and his defeat was in no sense a personal one, for all Democrats went down in that black landslide. But the party owes it to itself to elect Mr. Gabbert. He is a Democrat from Platte County, and that means always a Democrat.

He is one of the first lawyers of Northwest Missouri, where the ablest lawyers in the state are found, according to the opinions of our Supreme Court judges. He is recognized over the state as one of its foremost orators and there has been but few orators from Missouri in the lower house in the last two decades. His honesty is undoubted; he is sincere; he has never been identified, directly or indirectly, with the special interests; he has lived all his life in the district and has chosen the common people for his friends and associates.

We predict that, if elected, Lewis Cass Gabbert will soon be a familiar name in the nation, as it is now throughout the state. Here's to you, Lew! Just keep on fighting and smiling through. It takes more than one landslide to kill a Platte County Democrat.

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### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration, upon the estate of Henry H. Hensch, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 29th day of May, 1922.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

(Seal) ANGELENE HERSCH, Administratrix.  
Fred M. Wanger, Clerk of Probate. (619)

### EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration, upon the estate of Robert Oscar Courter, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 6th day of July, 1922.

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Attested: EMMA MANNING, Executrix.  
Fred M. Wanger, Clerk of Probate. (78)

## RITTER'S PUNGENTS

Paragraphs That Touch Interestingly On All of the Important News Features of the Day.

To the Editor of The Observer:

Jefferson City, Sedalia, Carthage, Wellsville, and many other cities in Missouri, went Democratic in the recent election. St. Joseph went Republican, but the two most important and valuable offices to the people, auditor and treasurer, were won by the Democrats. Of course, we all know that Kansas City went Democratic by a tremendous majority.

Missouri now proposes to enact a compulsory voting law. Well, I have always held that it is the duty of every good citizen to go to the polls and vote on election day. It is certainly the duty of every citizen to serve on the jury when summoned. But how about the "inalienable" right of the citizen to vote for whom he pleases, or to not vote at all. This is a question the higher courts would finally have to decide, unless the new constitution of Missouri would make voting compulsory in the state.

John Wannamaker, 84 years of age, gives as his birthday sentiment: "Look up and look forward. Never look down, never look backward. Do not do much looking in, but look out." Just so. It is the party of today, not of yesterday that counts. He alone who looks forward shall live, move, and have a being.

I believe it was Christ who said: "Those who are not against us, are for us."

Self government rests upon the assumption that citizens are capable of understanding the issues with which they deal.

A New York judge has ruled that whisky is a food. Cider is now considered as apple juice and non-intoxicating liquor.

Personally we are opposed to a union of church and state as a mixture of religion and politics.

Europe has been a whirlpool of war for 2,000 years. This is why America is careful not to venture too near that whirlpool's edge. That is just exactly what Senator Reed of Missouri has always held.

Castoria for infants and children has been in use for 30 years. Always bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

Of course, immediate swabbing of a wound with tincture of iodine is always advisable. But an immediate prophylactic use of an antitetanic serum should by all means be used. In the great war this prophylactic serum saved countless lives of men wounded in the manure fertilized fields of Belgium and France.

The American people by more than 7,000,000 majority buried the Wilson League of Nations. It is no longer a party political issue in this campaign.

Missouri is profoundly interested in the full development of Mississippi and Missouri river traffic. The transportation problem is one of the greatest problems confronting the American people and the Mississippi Valley in particular. It affects the welfare of every citizen, it is of vital importance to the life and prosperity of every basic industry.

A protective tariff cannot promote prosperity in this country. That much is already certain.

Ben Franklin's great grand-daughter is running for Congress. She is a Democrat, as might be expected. If old Ben were living that's what he would be.

Apply oil of citronella to the skin and you will be free from the mosquito pest.

In the great war the anti-typhoid serum saved the lives of our soldier boys from typhoid fever. So we see again that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." I am an old man and may be seeing things that you do not see.

No matter what the pretext of honest fanaticism or canting hypocrisy, no man in this country ought to consent to the least infringement of the right to private judgment or individual liberty. National "bone-dry" prohibition is perhaps the greatest fraud, farce, humbug, delusion, snare, imposition and graft ever perpetrated upon the American people in this free country of ours. The Anti-Saloon League is a menace to the rights and liberties of the people.

Governments of themselves are worthless and of no value. Europe has been a whirlpool of war for 2,000 years. This is why America is careful not to venture too near that whirlpool's edge.

And when President Wilson consented to submit the League of Nations issue or question to a solemn referendum of the people, the American people voted against it by an overwhelming majority in the last presidential election. And now Breck Long, Charles Hay and other Democrats are trying to drag the League of Nations into the senatorial campaign in Missouri and make it a political issue by fighting Senator James A.

Reed who is opposed to the League of Nations. President Wilson said the League of Nations is no political party matter or issue at this time and yet Breck Long makes it his sole political campaign issue on which he hopes to defeat Senator Reed.

Should the Republican tariff bill pass with the provision on salt as it is, the American people will be compelled to pay a penalty of \$35,000,000 for this vital necessity. Figures reveal that the salt industry of this country is in no need of protection, as it is virtually without competition. Yet Congress appears to be planning to make the American people pay \$35,000,000 in order to get \$262,000 into the national treasury.

When father argues at home he usually "hollers." It is the only way to make the family listen.

Secretary Mellon's tax plan for a soldier bonus looks to me like a "powerful slick" scheme to make the veteran pay his own bonus. Tobacco, postage stamp tax, and documentary stamps—these are recommended as the only available source of revenue. As a substitute we suggest that the members of Congress pay a tax on every speech they mail out on a government frank. That would pay the bonus and retire the war debt on the side.

My sympathies have always been with President Wilson and I have always (generally) upheld him and voted for him, notwithstanding the fact that I disagreed and differed with him several times because I believed him to be wrong. But I am now strongly in favor of the nomination and re-election of Senator James A. Reed to the United States senate because the country needs him there at this critical time and because it would be a public calamity at this time to defeat him. I shall vote for Senator Reed. President Wilson has made mistakes, Senator Reed has made mistakes, the Democratic party has made mistakes, the Republican party has made a whole lot of mistakes and is now making a big mistake with its high tariff bill.

This tariff bill received some kicks this week that were ominous. The bill will be in for additional kicks later on.

"A handkerchief mistake for a bandit (hold-up man) and shot," says a news headline. Well, that would be a mistake easily made in some hotels.

The people of Germany will not save their republic by hanging Von Hindenburg in "effigy," but they might accomplish something by actually hanging him in Berlin.

Nobody blames the Bolsheviks for wanting to borrow \$1,000,000,000, but who would not blame himself if he made a loan to "exponents" of confusion and chaos?

Prohibition has promoted class hatred, class selfishness, class war. So Sterling E. Edmunds, a prominent and influential St. Louisian, says "The Anti-Saloon League is a thoroughly despicable organization carried on by an army of well-paid agents. It has mutilated our constitution, arraigned communicants against their own churches, and made hypocrisy the dominant characteristic of the nation. I have not only refused to make a donation to the Anti-Saloon League, but I have contributed to the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment."

Senator Walsh estimates that the annual cost of the proposed Republican tariff on cream to New England consumers will be \$18,750,000.

State ownership of coal and potash now appears to be the "crux" of the effort to unite German Socialists in support of the Wirth government. New support is needed, and if it does not come from the left wing it must come from the right wing.

Most girls who were not required to do more than the lightest house work in the parents' home make excellent housewives after they have houses of their own and realize that upon them is lodged mostly the responsibility for the maintenance of good homes. The present generation of girls is a fine one. They are sensible, well schooled, good-looking, neatly dressed, dutiful and respectable for the most part, even though some of them refuse to affect the "infantility" which was so much praised by social lecturers of preceding generations.

GEORGE A. RITTER,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Irvin Swearingen, serving a sentence of seven years in the penitentiary from Nevada county since last October for burglary, is either outside of the penitentiary enjoying his liberty or hiding somewhere within the prison walls. He is a fast racer by occupation and would some exercise preparatory to entering a contest with other convicts during the Saturday afternoon half holidays. He was allowed

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ed the liberty of yards Friday evening until 9 p. m. and he made the dirt fly around the prison yards until darkness fell. Then he disappeared. The old prison officials think he is hiding somewhere in the penitentiary and when starved out will show up. Others think that he is enjoying his prowess as a foot racer by putting as many miles between himself and the penitentiary as possible.

Nevada reports a mirage in the middle of a busy city street, showing a clear-bosomed lake outlined faintly with shrubbery. Travelers going west on Vanut street, notice what appears to be a stream of water flowing across the macadamized highway. Upon reaching the place where the water is supposed to be, the illusion vanishes and nothing but paving is seen. It is said it is no uncommon sight to see automobiles turn back and traverse the street several times, the occupants seeking in vain for the cause of the phenomena.

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All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

(Seal) FRANCIS J. WALKER, Administratrix.  
Fred M. Wanger, Clerk of Probate. (78)

### EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration, upon the estate of William S. Peagans, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 12th day of June, 1922.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

(Seal) BENETTA PEAGANS, Executrix.  
Fred M. Wanger, Clerk of Probate. (617)

### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration, upon the estate of Emma Nelson, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 31st day of May, 1922.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

(Seal) LEONA PORTER, Administratrix.  
Fred M. Wanger, Clerk of Probate. (610)

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration, upon the estate of Kessiah Harts, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 8th day

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Fred M. Wanger, Clerk of Probate. (610)